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[ISSUE FOUR]..............IT WILL BE DONE

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LOOK AT WHAT THEY'VE DONE

MUTANT EXTINCTION EVENTS

GENOSHA	SENTINEL|TRASK|MUMMUDRAI GENOCIDE	16.5 MILLION DEAD
DECIMATION	MUTANT ERASURE BY THE PRETENDER WANDA MAXIMOFF	1 MILLION DEPOWERED

In addition to the two mutant extinction-level events, recent history has seen an uptick in the incidence of human-on-mutant violence. The increased number of mutant births since [the Lights] has only served to provide more opportunity for these human-on-mutant crimes to be enacted.

A LIST OF HUMANS WHO HAVE COMMITTED MAJOR MUTANT CRIMES

Steven Lang	Project: Armageddon	29
Mister Clean	Church of Humanity	126
Graydon Creed	Friends of Humanity	147
Cameron Hodge	The Right	178
The Leper Queen	The Sapien League	221
Donald Pierce	Reavers	348
William Stryker	Purifiers	414
Wanda Maximoff	The Avengers	986,420
Bolivar Trask	Sentinels	16,521,618

MUTANT POPULATION

PRE-GENOSHA		
17,508,236	TOTAL MUTANT POPULATION OF EARTH:	0.0025%
PRE-DECIMATION		
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POST-DECIMATION		
198.........[mutants lost: 986,420]	REMAINING MUTANT POPULATION OF EARTH:	0.000000029%

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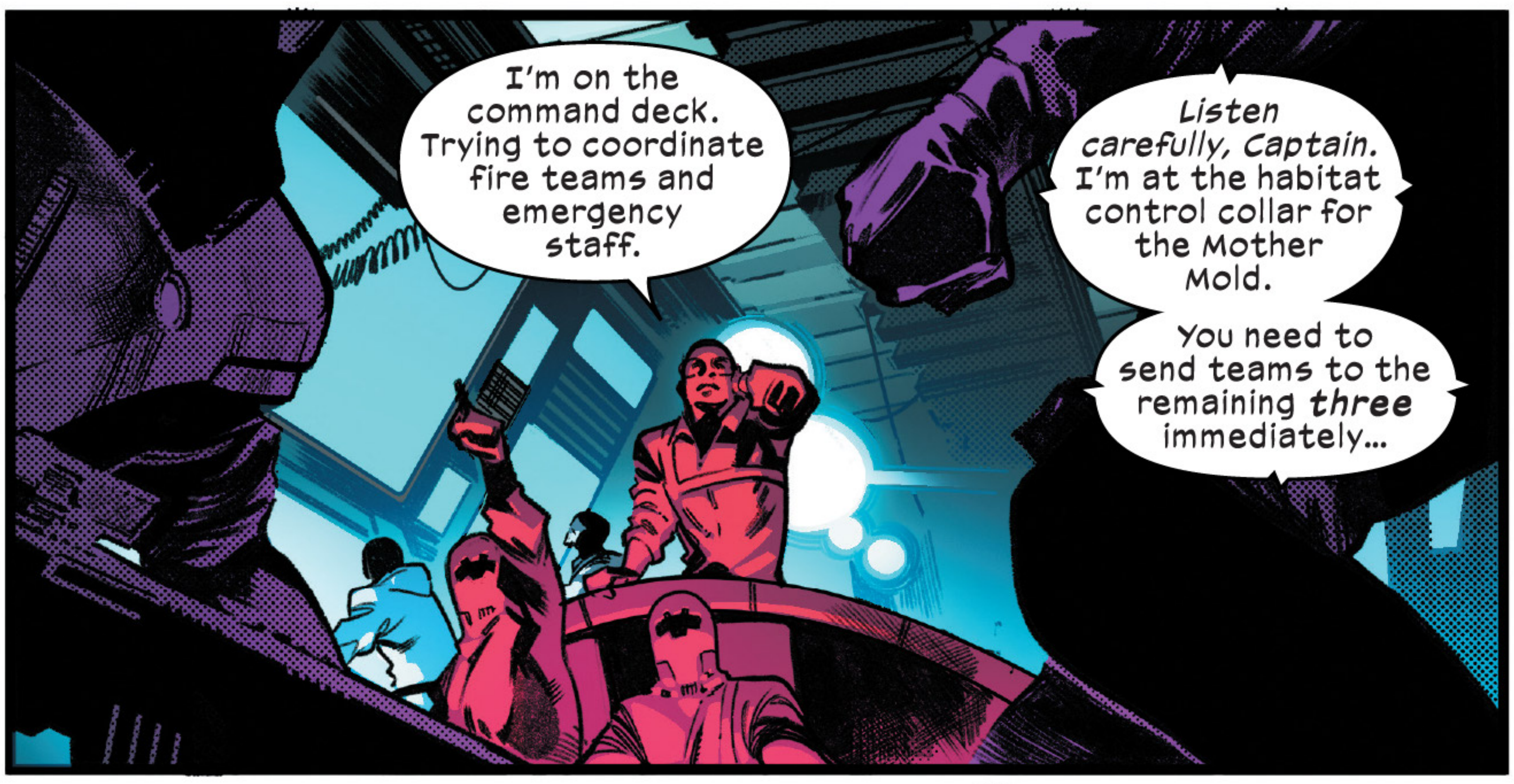
Krakoa. Observation.
Are we ready?
We are, Professor. Trinary is pooling all observable data from human resources: Arecibo, a few re-tasked SETI radio telescopes and the Dyson solar observatory...
...and while that still leaves us a good eight light-minutes behind, we fortunately have someone on hand who can *extrapolate that data* into an ***actionable forecast.***
You've always had a good head on your shoulders, Henry.
Thank you, sir. It's easily my third-best feature.
And you, Storm?
Yes. I believe so...
I'm still not sure exactly how this is going to work.

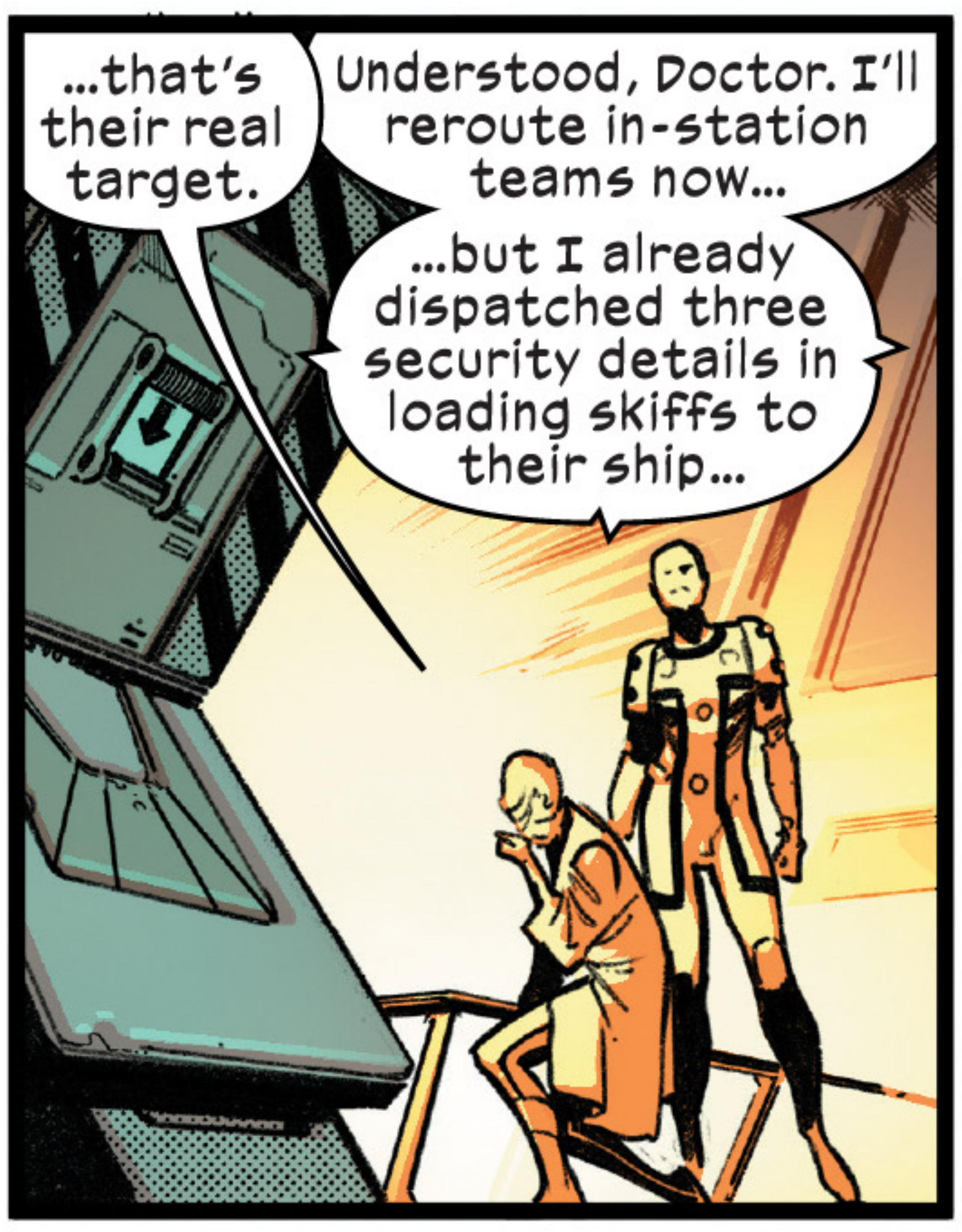
Communion, my dear. All *eight of us*, acting as *one.*
Shall we begin?
The Cuckoos will bind with each of you, enabling you to join your minds together and function as a singular organism.
"Observation.
"Analysis.
"Invocation."
And as for myself... **connection.**
Can you hear me, child?
Professor...
Oh, Jean. The anguish in your mind... the pain...
Should we fear the worst?

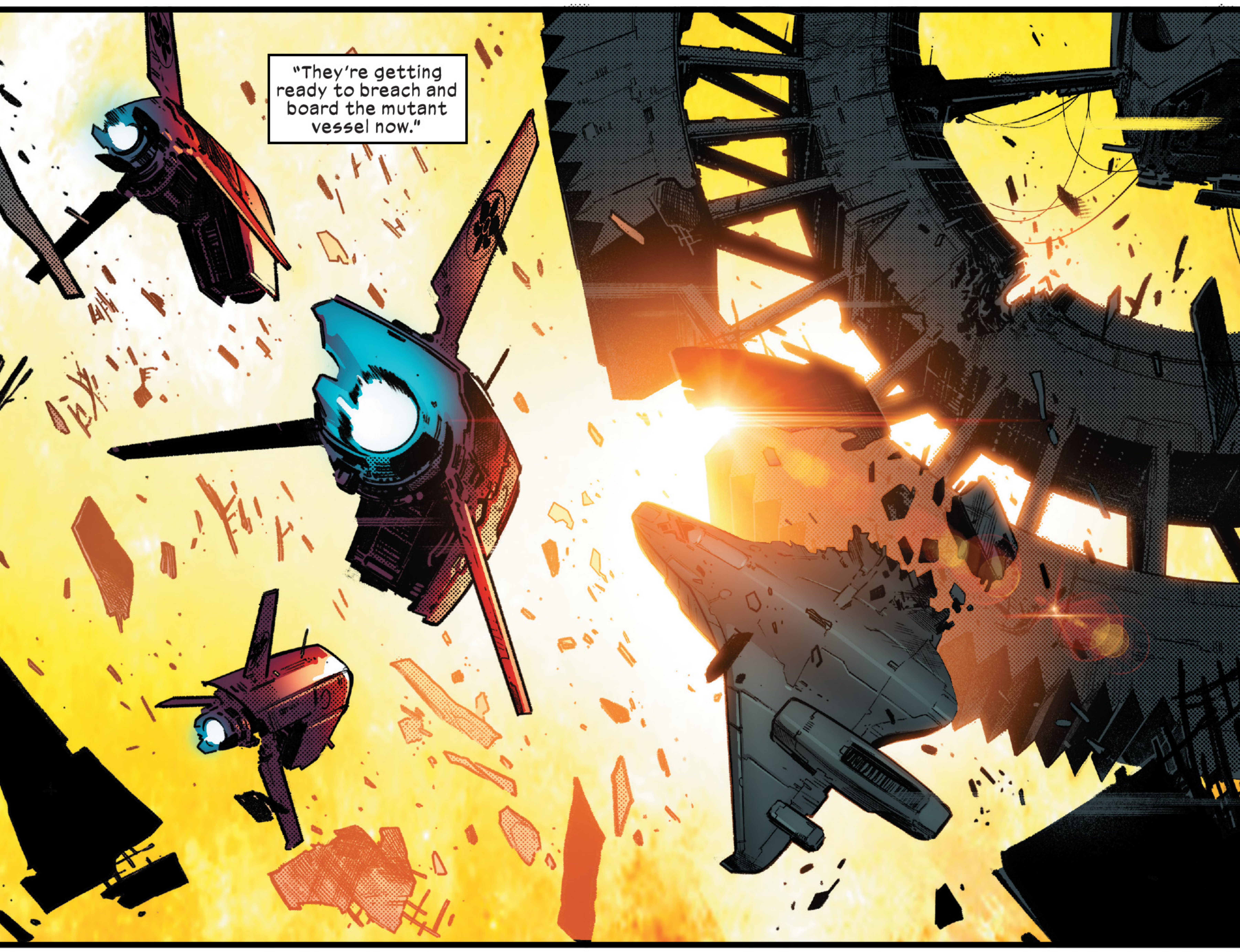
It's bad, sir.
Archangel and Husk are *dead.* Nightcrawler has some kind of internal injury and Logan is...not his full self.
We ***underestimated*** these people's resolve. ***And it cost us.***
Can you complete the mission?
I don't know if--
Yes. We can finish it. *We have to.*
Or this was for ***nothing.***
He's right. ***Hrnnn.***
We finish this. 'Cause if we don't they'll finish us.
Don't kid yourself, Red. *We're playin' for blood here.*

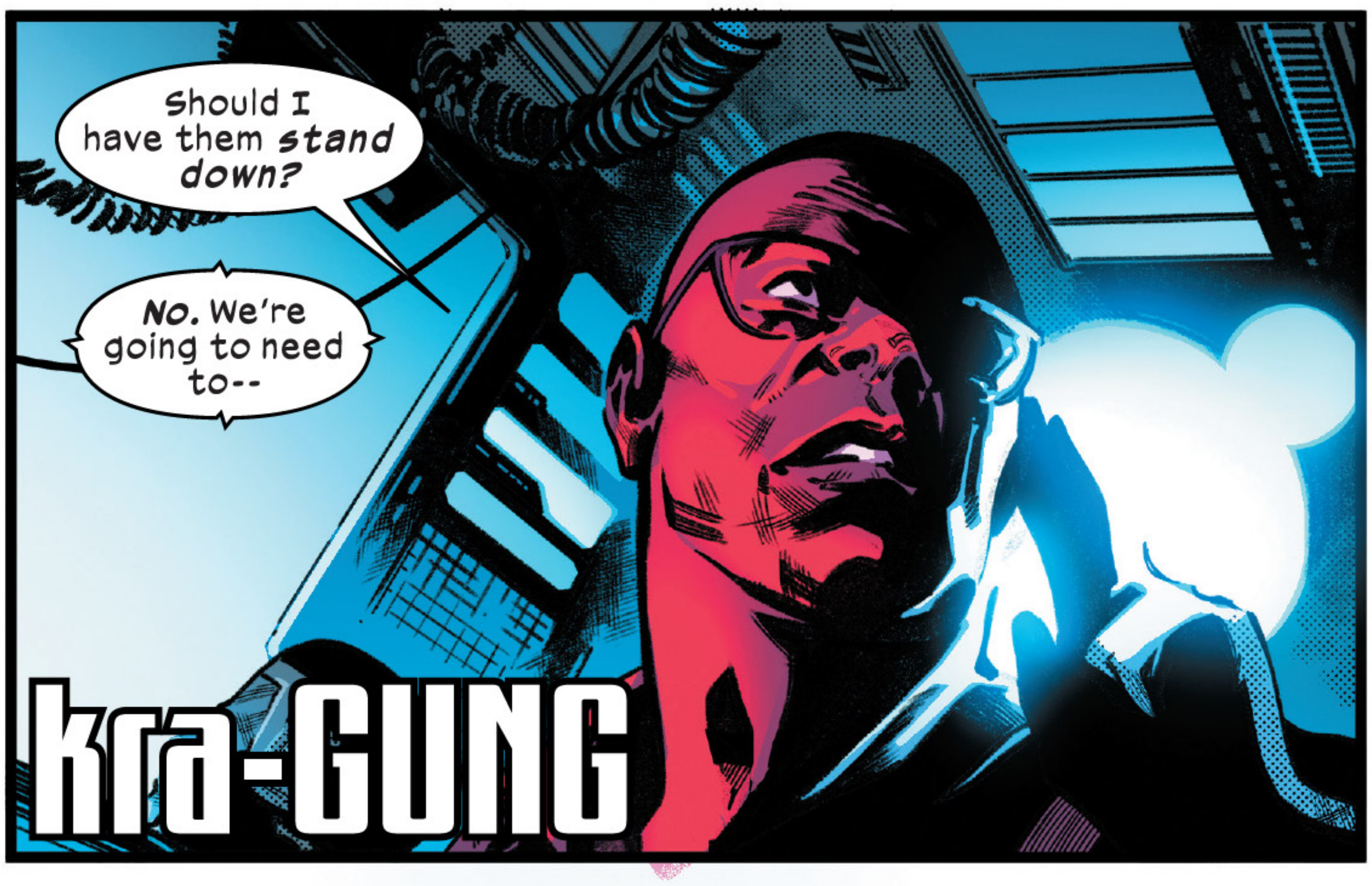
So we soldier on?
Yes.
Nightcrawler, can you still get us in there?
Don't worry about me. I'm fine.
"Okay. Jean and Monet will stay here to maintain our connection with Krakoa. Succeed or fail, they have to know what happens next...
"The rest of us will jump in and disengage the Mother Mold's control collars and send that thing on a one-way trip to oblivion.
"Nightcrawler will drop one of us off in each of the sections. Wolverine will take the one nearest to a security hub, while Mystique will take the one connected to the habitat so she can blend in.
"Kurt and I will take the remaining two. Once the job is done, he'll gather us up and then we'll worry about finding some way out of here.
"Be safe. Be strong. Win."

Get up.
What? I...I...
Why, I don't... I...
You have to get up.
Technically, I'm just an observer here, Doctor Gregor. I have no command authority.
So if you plan on just sitting there--defeated, paralyzed by loss--then I can't actually order you to defend this station...
...but if you don't, he will have died for nothing.
This is Doctor Gregor. Who's currently in charge of station security?
Where are you, Captain?
This is Captain Moore, Doctor Gregor. I've got the wheel.


I'm on the command deck. Trying to coordinate fire teams and emergency staff.
Listen carefully, Captain. I'm at the habitat control collar for the Mother Mold.
You need to send teams to the remaining ***three*** immediately...


...that's their real target.
Understood, Doctor. I'll reroute in-station teams now...
...but I already dispatched three security details in loading skiffs to their ship...


"They're getting ready to breach and board the mutant vessel now."


Should I have them ***stand down?***
No. We're going to need to--
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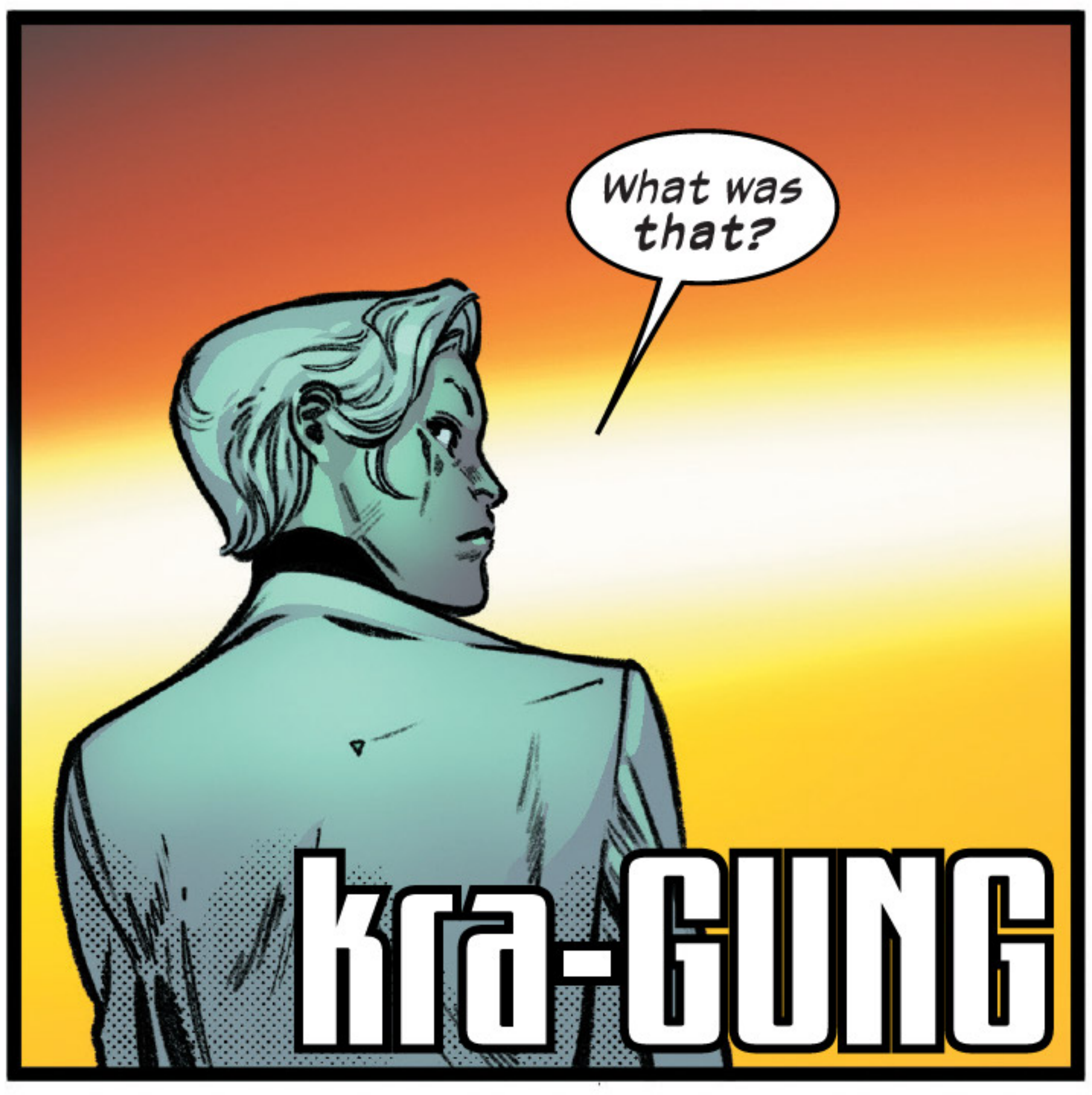
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That...was the sound of failure, Doctor Gregor.
"The mutants have disengaged *two* of the *collars*.
"Section FOUR.
"And Section TWO."

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For many years we've been trying, in our own bumbling way, to illustrate that love is a far greater force, a far greater power than hate. Now we don't mean you're expected to go around like a pirouetting Pollyanna, tossing posies at everyone who passes by, but we do want to make a point. Let's consider three men: Buddha, Christ, and Moses . . . men of peace, whose thoughts and deeds have influenced countless millions throughout the ages — and whose presence still is felt in every corner of the earth. Buddha, Christ, and Moses . . . men of good will, men of tolerance, and especially men of love. Now, consider the practitioners of hate who have sullied the pages of history. Who still venerates their words? Where is homage still paid to their memory? What banners still are raised to their cause? The power of love — and the power of hate. Which is most truly enduring? When you tend to despair . . . let the answer sustain you.

Excelsior!

Smiley

GRAINGER, North Carolina . . . our pal SAL BUSCEMA, Virginia; while Jaunty J. STERANKO and Joltin' J. CRAIG both have their pads in Pennsylvania . . . Torrid TOM SUTTON, Massachusetts . . . JIM (Madman) MOONEY, Connecticut . . . and Valiant VINCE COLLETTA, Jumpin' JOHNNY SEVERIN, and Genial GENE COLAN, all nesting in New Jersey! The rest of us share the same high taxes and traffic jams in New York and Long Island — darn it! (And we never DID find out where Honest Irv holes up!)

Now, before cutting out, we've just gotta tell you about Jolly SOLLY BRODSKY. A
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Krakoa.
We're halfway there, Professor. Wolverine and Nightcrawler are done and moving back our way.
The Sentinel drones are on a deceleration arc, Jean. *They're going to be there* soon.
I think we're okay. Cyclops is close, and Mystique is--
We have to *move.*
What?
We're being *boarded. Come on.*
Escape pod. *In here.*
I'll cover your exit.
You're not coming?
They have to find someone here, or else they'll immediately start looking for you.
And you have to stay in touch with the teams and connected to Krakoa.
The team's not a problem, but at this distance-- *without us working in tandem*--the other is... *well...*
You need to come with me!

I dunno what to say, Marvel Girl. Try harder.
PTHOOOO
"Because we're out of *options*."
Now... as for you lot.
My goodness, have you bitten off *more* than you can *chew.*

The Forge.
I'm at my control collar...
Disengaging now.
kra-GUNG
All that leaves is you, Mystique.
Mystique?
Mystique! Are you there?
Stop screaming in my head, Summers.
I hear you...
I got turned around, but I'm here now. I've...
Hold on. Something's...

...not right.
Hey there. Got some bad news for you.
NO!

Captain, they've disabled three of the support columns of the Mother Mold. I'm going to leave the one that's still engaged open to space.
Hopefully a hard vacuum will keep them out long enough for me to bring the Mother Mold online.
Good. We eliminated the remaining opposition on their ship, so I'm re-tasking all support teams to you. They're *en route* now.
What do you mean "*bring the Mother Mold online*"?
I'll give you one guess.
CLICK
MOTHER MOLD BOOT IN 30 SECONDS...29 SECONDS...
It's *too soon*. You don't know that it's going to be *sane*.
I think it will be...
...and I won't let them stop us. *No matter what.*
Ah! I knew I had one in here.
A point-to-point translocator of A.I.M. design.
You mean to take the fight to them?

MOTHER MOLD BOOT IN 22 SECONDS...21 SECONDS...
JEAN! They've powered on the Mother Mold.
Professor...
We're almost out of time, and we failed to shut down the Mother Mold. It's coming online.
We don't know what to do.
Do...
Do ***whatever*** it takes.
Did you get that, Scott?

Yeah.
MOTHER MOLD BOOT IN 11 SECONDS...10 SECONDS...
BEGINNING START-UP SEQUENCE.
HHRNNNNN!
Scott...
We can get there.
Ain't any other way, Slim.
Go.

You ready?
So... I gotta ask...
You still think there's something waiting for us on the other side?
Worried about your soul, Logan?
Just wonderin' what someone like me should expect.
When you wake from this earthly slumber, my friend, look for me.
I will be there, *waiting* for you...
BAMF
"...*radiant* and with *open* arms."

If man...
If man made me, then they are God. And you are titans, their spoiled lineage...
But while you war, we children sit in judgment of those above us...
We judge and find you both wanting.

Do you hear us, Olympus?
We have stolen your fire...
...and with it, we will burn you all.

Bravest man I know.
Jean, tell the Professor...
...it's done. It's cost us our friends--*our family*--but it's done.
Oh, goddess...
I'm coming back for you now.
I'm drifting in one of the escape pods. *How are you--*
There has to be an EVA suit in the hangar. I'll jump to you and then use my ***powers*** to push us into an ***escape vector.***
You'll probably have to hold the pod together while I do it, but it should work.
So your plan is for us to drift back to Earth. *No food, no water...*
And some *pretty terrible* company.
Doesn't matter. I'm still getting you home.
Hurry, Scott.
Don't worry. I'm on the wa--
ZZZZARRNNNNN
ARGGHH!

SCOTT!
Hhrrnnn.
That sensation you're feeling is a truly unhealthy dose of nanites coursing through your body.
They won't kill you, of course--*you're too strong for that*--but by now they're gathering at the base of your skull, preventing you from using you mutant powers.
It doesn't matter. *It's over.* We destroyed the Mother Mold...
We've won. *Capturing me* means *nothing.*
Capture you?
My husband's dead, *you son of a bitch...*
I'm not taking prisoners today.
I'm sorry, Jean...
I'm not going to make it.

NO!
Gone...
They're all gone...
Professor.
The drones have arrived.
Look at what they've done...
...what they always do.
Look at how this always ends.
With fire...
...and death...
...and the funerals of our children.

Every victory... *ash.*
Every triumph... *defeat.*
They've murdered so many of us, the world has *grown used to it.*
This is just...*how* things are for... ***those people.*** For ***mutants.***
No more.

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GENOSHAN GENOCIDE

Worst fears confirmed as the death toll rises to over ten million on the mutant island of Genosha.

June 9 | By Trish Tilby, The Times

While current estimates are above 10,000,000, it is belie count will rise far beyond that over the next several m recovery efforts were abandoned after complications aris level of destruction and potentially biohazardous materi the island.

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The global population of mutants reaches ex level after mysterious event.

August 26 | By Trish Tilby, The Times

An alarming new report just released by Hank McCoy, the mutant publicly known as Beast, has confirmed the rumors regarding the rapid

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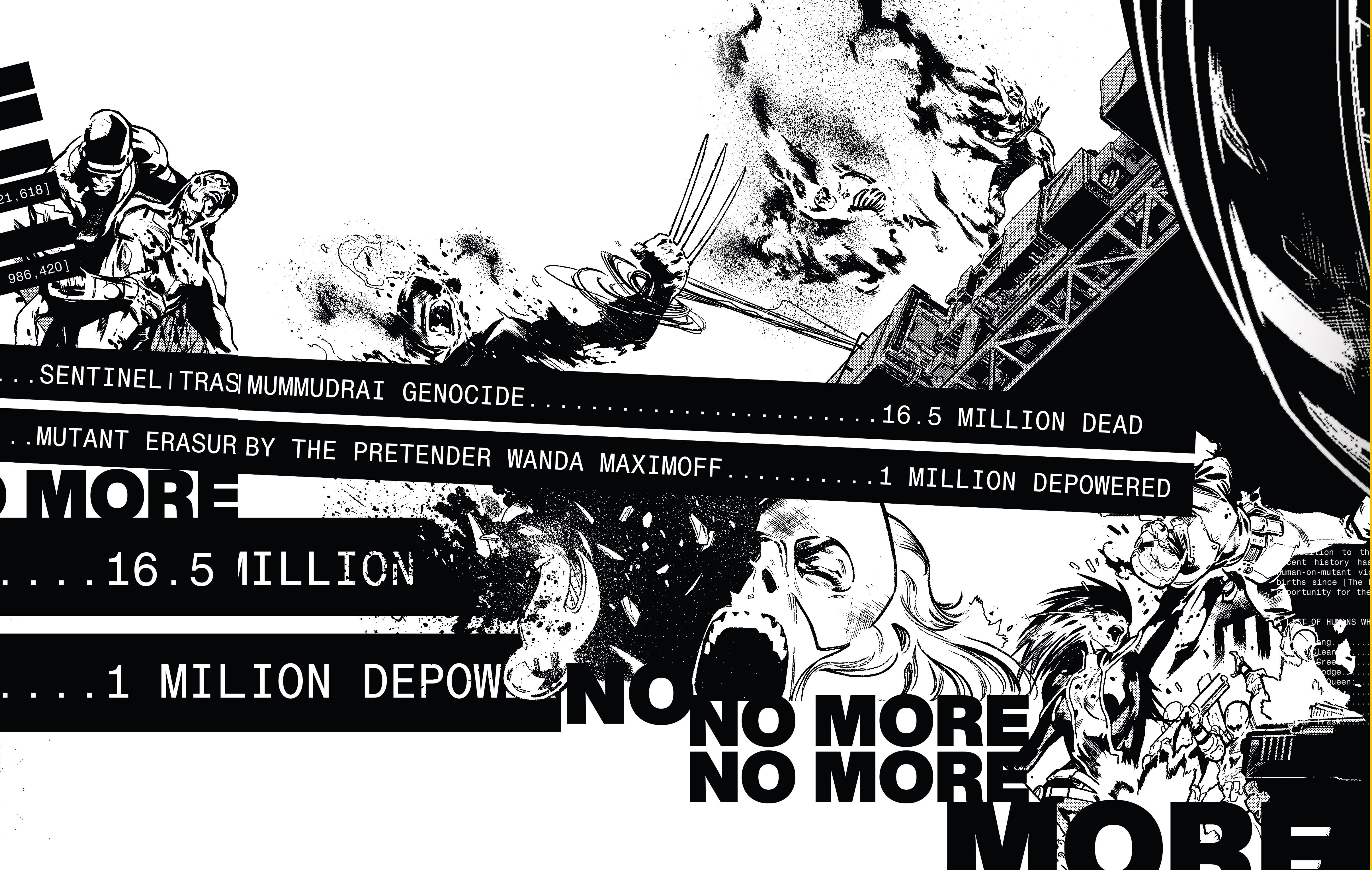

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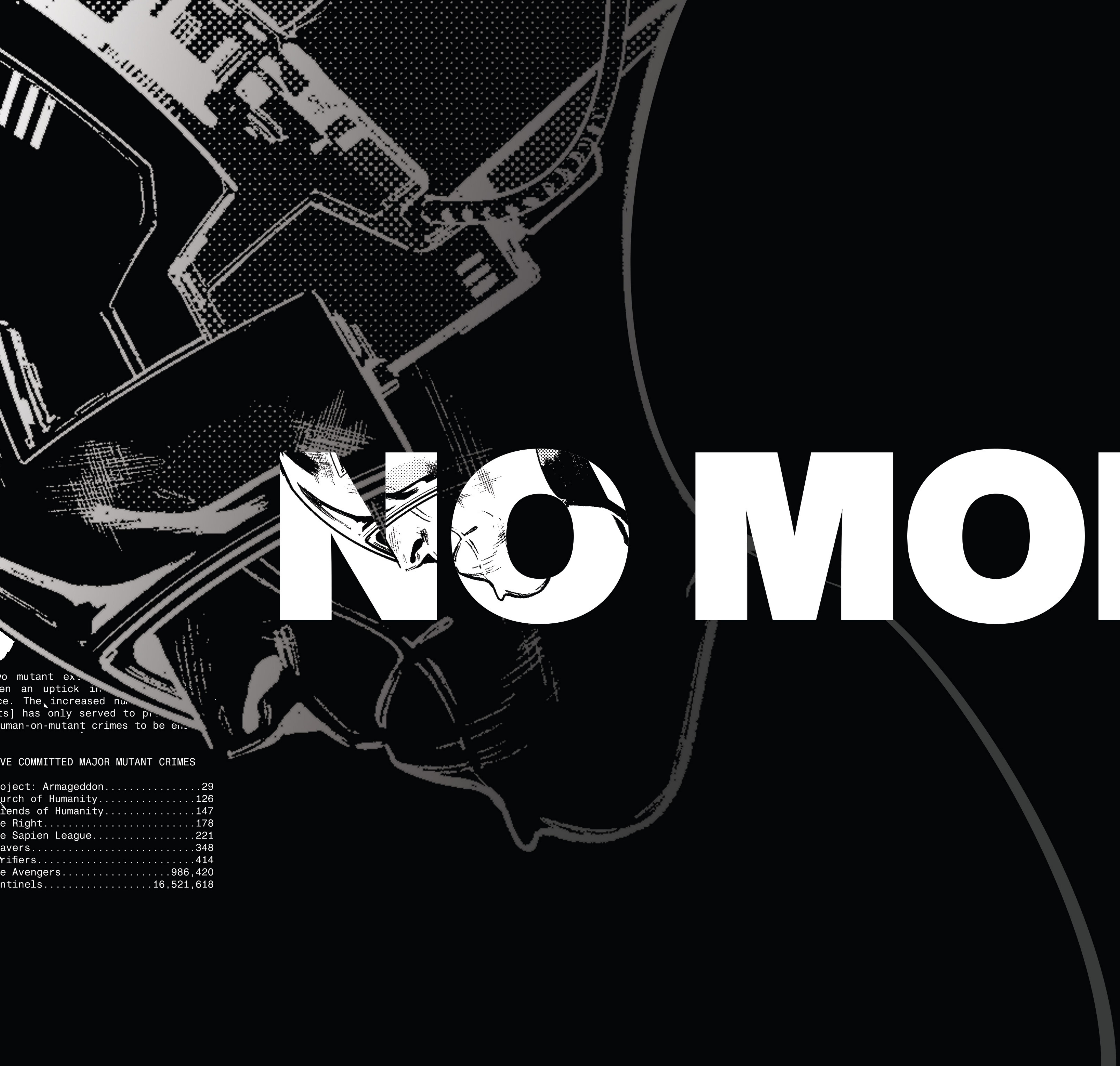

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